

**SPRINGFIELD HISTORICAL LANDMARKS COMMISSION**

**Summary Minutes –April 9, 2018**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Vernon Donnelly, Jeff Smith, Nate Fleming (vice chair) and Brad Miner (chair)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Brian McAlexander, Marta Wojcik, and Michael Asebrook

**STAFF PRESENT:** Stephen Thompson and Cheyenne Pinkerman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Commissioner Rob Rue and applicants.

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Mr. Miner.

Mr. Miner asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the March 12, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Mr. Fleming to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Smith

**DECISION:** Approved unanimously by roll call.

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

**CASE # 18-07**

**ADDRESS:** 1262 S. Fountain Ave.

**NAME:** Jaqueline & Martin Burns, 1869 Riverdale Rd., Columbus, OH 43232

**PROPOSED WORK:** To paint with new paint colors.

**ACTION:**

Approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Thompson gave the staff report. Mr. Miner asked if there were any questions for the applicant or Mr. Thompson. Hearing none, Mr. Miner asked for a motion.

**MOTION:** Mr. Fleming made a motion to approve paint colors. Seconded by Mr. Donnelly

**YEAS:** Vernon Donnelly, Jeff Smith, Nate Fleming and Brad Miner

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DECISION:** Approved by a 4 to 0 vote

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS:**

**CASE # 18-04**

**ADDRESS:** 621 S. Fountain Ave

**NAME:** Pat & Joyce McCurdy, 135 W Possum Rd., Springfield, OH 45506

**PROPOSED WORK:** To revise porch plan

**ACTION:**

Approval of the Certificate of Appropriateness.

Mr. Thompson gave the staff report. Mr. Miner asked if there were any questions for Mr. Thompson. Hearing none, Mr. Miner asked if the applicant would like to speak. Mr. James

Peifer explained he was representing the applicant. Mr. Peifer stated they would like to come to an agreement to complete the work in a timely manner. Mr. Peifer explained that the plan was to replicate the original stoop but there were several factors holding the McCurdy's back. One reason would be health and the other would be revenue. Mr. Peifer explained the amount of money put into the property. Mr. Peifer explained that there had been issues with renters. Mr. Peifer explained that there were six apartments and two of them were rented. Mr. Peifer explained that the current condition of the porch was a temporary solution to get the property in compliance with section eight housing. Mr. Peifer explained the McCurdy's need revenue coming in, in order to bring the porch back to the original design. Mr. Peifer explained that the pressure treated wood could not be painted right away and there were plans to paint it. Mr. Peifer explained that Ms. McCurdy did not appear at the previous meeting due to prior obligations. Ms. McCurdy gave her opinion on the previous meeting and explained why Mr. Peifer was helping her. Ms. McCurdy explained the issues that have caused her to be non-compliant. Ms. McCurdy expressed her concerns throughout the South Fountain Historic District. Mr. Peifer stated the McCurdy's needed a short term solution to for the porch. Mr. Fleming questioned if the intentions were to put the original porch back. Mr. Peifer stated that was correct. Ms. McCurdy stated she had plans to use the railing at the property in question for another property she owns. Mr. Smith questioned the word temporary and asked for a time line. Mr. McCurdy explained the work she did for a tenant. Mr. Peifer explained the board needed a timeline. Ms. McCurdy explained she need to fill the empty apartments in order to get money for to complete the property. Mr. Donnelly suggested a six month time frame and have the applicants return. Mr. Donnelly explained that would give the applicants time to paint the railing. Mr. Thompson suggested tabling the discussion for six months but talking about the paint colors. Ms. McCurdy stated that her son would need to be involved and she needed to talk to him. Mr. Peifer stated a six month timeline would work. Mr. Thompson explained the board could table the discussion for the stoop and make a motion to approve or disapprove the paint colors. The board members suggested making the colors of the porch the same as the trim on the house.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mr. Fleming to approve painting the railing to match the trim. Seconded by Mr. Donnelly.

**YEAS:** Vernon Donnelly, Jeff Smith, and Nate Fleming

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** Brad Miner

**DECISION:** Approved by a 3 to 0 vote and 1 abstention.

**MOTION:** Motion by Mr. Smith to table the certificate of appropriateness for the railing until October. Seconded by Mr. Fleming.

**YEAS:** Vernon Donnelly, Jeff Smith, Nate Fleming and Brad Miner

**NAYS:** None

**ABSTAIN:** None

**DECISION:** Approved by a 4 to 0 vote

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**BOARD COMMENTS:** Mr. Thompson explained that he included the fence and hedge codes. Mr. Thompson explained the codes to the board members. The board members discussed the

guidelines for fences in the historical district. Mr. Thompson explained that the post cards that were sent out had really helped getting the word out. Mr. Smith asked if the post cards could be sent out annually. Mr. Thompson stated that was definitely an option and also getting the word out through social media. The board members discussed defining the guidelines to be more user friendly. Mr. Rob Rue explained that the board members need to consider the people going in front of them and not everyone has the funds to invest as much money as some but have energy and drive to invest in the city. Mr. Rue stated that he appreciated the passion the board has for the historical districts. Mr. Fleming stated he felt that when a case was turned down there should be a good explanation why. Mr. Thompson explained how the Board of Zoning Appeals has a "Finding of Facts" that is discussed openly in front of the applicant. Mr. Miner mentioned having a one page information sheet. Mr. Smith mentioned a property that made it into the magazine, This Old House.

**STAFF COMMENTS:** none

**MOTION:** Mr. Fleming made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Donnelly.

**DECISION:** Meeting adjourned at 6:36 P.M.